

UPPER MARSHWOOD VALE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a Council Meeting held at Bettiscombe Village Hall on Thursday 11th July 2024, commencing at 7pm

Present: Cllr's E Rowe (Chairman), A Cameron (Vice-Chairman), S Forsey, F Bailey, J Gillingham, J Piper, C Rabbetts, D Wyatt and B Lumsden.

In attendance: The Clerk, Mr J Vanderwolfe, Cllr S Christopher (Dorset Council) and four members of the public.

019	Apologies An apology had been received from Cllr E Blackburn. The clerk informed members that she had now signed her declaration of acceptance of office.
020	Declarations of Interest under the Upper Marshwood Vale Code of Conduct No declarations of Interest were made at this stage of the meeting.
021	Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on the 16 th May 2024, having been previously circulated, were adopted as a true record.
022	Matters Arising No matters arising
023	Internal Auditors Report The report by Mr D Knowles, our Internal Auditor had been circulated to members prior to the meeting and was adopted. The clerk informed the meeting that the Certificate of Exemption had been forwarded to the external auditors; and had been acknowledged.
024	Accounts for Payment and Financial Update.

	<p>Resolve to agree the following payments: Arthur Gallagher Insurance £255.82, Parish on Line £72.00, Dorset Association Local Councils £245.04, Marshwood PCC £300.00, HMRC PAYE £284.00 and D Knowles (Auditor) £20.00</p> <p>Cllr J Piper confirmed payments and bank reconciliations</p> <p>Financial Assets as of 7th July 2024 £28,176.22.</p> <p>Resolved that the sum of £10,000 be invested in a one year bond with the TSB bank.</p>
025	<p>Democratic Period</p> <p>A parishioner spoke in respect of the planning application for Riverside Bridge Farm, explaining why they had put the planning application forward. The applicant was reminded that members could only look at this application on a planning basis, and must consider it on material planning reasons to either support or recommend refusal. The final decision would be made by Dorset Council; who are the planning authority.</p> <p>A member of the public provided information regarding the repairing of highway fingerposts. He stated that he had done a number of these for the Broadwindsor Parish Council. He explained to the meeting that he normally charges £300 per fingerpost regardless of how many direction posts it holds. Members agreed that he would forward details of his quotation to the clerk once he had undertaken a survey of our four parishes. The clerk stated that there was £1,000 in the budget earmarked for this project.</p>
026	<p>Dorset Council Report</p> <p>Cllr Christopher mentioned the new rules on hedges which had come into force, and the fact more landowners would be affected by this legislation.</p> <p>Dorset Council was still coming to terms with a new administration now that it is run by the Liberal Democrats. There has also been a delay caused by the recent General Elections, which also may result in changes to policies, especially those connected to planning.</p>
027	<p>Planning</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>P /Ful/2024/02066 Riverside Bridge Farm, Cards Mill Lane, Whitchurch</p> <p>Convert storage building to self-contained annex Members supported this application but recommended that a condition be imposed stating that</p> </div>

	<p>the annex be restricted to use by the farm and not be permitted to be sold off.</p> <p>P/PAAF/2024/03172 Cutty Stubbs , Bluntshay Lane, Whitchurch Change of use of four agricultural buildings to a flexible commercial use –Section 2, Part 3 Class R Permitted Development. Members supported this application.</p> <p>P/HOU/2024/03098 Penn View, Shave Cross Erect storage barn. Members supported this application.</p>
028	<p>Rights of Way</p> <p>A proposal for a slight diversion of the path at Brimley Lane was supported by members.</p>
029	<p>Highway Matters</p> <p>The clerk had circulated members with a copy of the Management of Hedgerows Regulations, 2024, which had now come into force</p> <p>Concerns raised over the road conditions in Broadoak and Blackney Hill. Cllr Wyatt would contact</p>
030	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>a) Rural Services Network: Request by this department for council to become a member of the Rural Village Services Group at a cost of £50 plus Vat. Members agreed to trial this membership for one year.</p> <p>b) Cabinet Office were suggesting that councils should use a .Gov.uk email address to improve cyber security. Only authorised Government organisations like parish/town councils are able to have this facility. The clerk stated that should a person ask for information regarding what had been written about them, possibly following a planning application, it would be far easier to access this information if only council data was listed. At present the clerk and members use their only email address; which could cause problems. Members agreed that this would be a positive way forward and asked the clerk to find out more details; including costs. It was understood that some funding was available towards this during the present financial year.</p>
031	<p>Items of Urgency</p>

	The clerk was pleased to inform the meeting that all members had now submitted their electronic Register of Interests to Dorset Council.
032	Closing of Meeting The meeting was closed by the chairman at 8.15pm
033	Future Meetings <u>Thursday 19th September 2024</u> * This meeting will be held in the function Room of the New Inn, Stoke Abbott. Following the closure of the meeting there will be a presentation. Thursday 21st November 2024 Thursday 09th January 2025 –Budget Setting Meeting Thursday 20th March 2025

Signature of Chairman -----

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